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From: Woo, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 4:22 PM
To: Rao, Kate; Brush, Jason; Ziegler, Sam; Eberhardt, Doug
Cc: Montgomery, Michael; Valiela, Luisa
Subject: RE: Nat Geo query - SF Bay (Estuaries -- SF Bay focus; funding; Cargill; ammonia discharges)

Let's hold up for a day or two. Right now there isn't one staff person right now who manages all of the topics. Multiple programs and staff will have to field these questions. It would help if they could get more specific on the questions and what the overall angle may be for their article.

Thanks,
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Subject: FW: Nat Geo query - SF Bay (Estuaries -- SF Bay focus; funding; Cargill; ammonia discharges)

Nancy/Jason/Sam/Doug-

OPA just alerted me that there is an inquiry from National Geographic about a myriad of water topics including SF Bay, restoration funding, wetlands protection in the south bay, dredged soils, building shorelines, and controlling ammonia from wwtps/refineries. The initial request is at the bottom of the email thread. Kelly is trying to get more details/specific questions from the reporter and a timeline for a response (or interview with Jared).

Will keep you posted but in the meantime, can you please identify which staff I can work with to get more info on these topics?

Thanks. Kate

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Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Lee, Monica; Rao, Kate; Kao, Jessica

Cc: Valiela, Luisa; Gaudario, Abigail

Subject: Nat Geo query - SF Bay

Hi folks – Jared received a query from a writer working on a National Geographic piece on SF Bay and restoration funding. She's also interested in some other topics, including the South bay salt ponds, dredge spoils, and bay discharges from refineries – See below.

I just responded asking for a little more detail on her timeline and schedule. I'll let you know what she says... In the meantime, we may want to start pulling some information together on some of these topics, and looping in HQ where needed. When I hear back from her, I'll have Monica take the lead in setting this up.

Thanks!

Kelly

From: Blumenfeld, Jared

Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 2:30 PM

To: Zito, Kelly

Cc: Valiela, Luisa; Gaudario, Abigail

Subject: Fwd: Money for San Francisco Bay

Kelly can you set up a time!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jane Kay <jane kayenvironment@gmail.com>

Date: October 6, 2015 at 2:20:51 PM PDT

To: blumenfeld.jared@epa.gov

Subject: Money for San Francisco Bay

Hello, Jared,

National Geographic has assigned me a magazine piece on estuaries focusing on San Francisco Bay. As part of my research, I'd like to examine the differential in funds allocated to some of the nation's estuaries.

I'm hoping you have documents that show the lop-sided discrepancy in expenditures that I'm hearing about from scientists and nonprofits dealing with restoration efforts. In your talk at the State of the Estuary conference, you used 2015 figures for San Francisco, Puget Sound, Chesapeake and the Great Lakes. I'm looking for federal funding for those estuaries for a longer period of years.

I'd also like to speak with you about how Region 9 applied the Clean Water Act to protect wetlands in the south bay, particularly relating to the proposed housing development by Cargill in Redwood City.

If you have time, I'd like to hear about EPA's role in using dredge spoils to build sediments, building living shorelines and controlling ammonia discharges to the bay from sewage treatment plants and five oil refineries.

Thanks, Jared. I look forward to meeting with you or interviewing you over the telephone.

Jane

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